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SUBJECT: DEAN/SHARMAN CASE

REFS: A) VIENTIANE 1555

B) VIENTIANE 1554

C) VIENTIANE 1341

1. CHRONOLOGY AIRMAILED TO DEPARTMENT MARCH 10. WE DO NOT PLAN DISTRIBUTION TO EMBASSIES HERE (REF C) UNTIL LATER DATE, POSSIBLY AFTER BORTHWICK TRIP TO VIENG SAY (REF B), SHOULD IT OCCUR, BUT CERTAINLY NOT UNTIL FONMIN HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISGEST AND REPLY TO AMBASSADOR'S LATEST LETTER (SEPTTEL. WE ALSO PLAN TO DISTRIBUTE THE CHRONOLOGY TO FEWER MISSIONS THAT ORIGINALLY PLANNED, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONCENTRATING ON THOSE WHICH WE BELIEVE HAVE GREATEST

INFLUENCE WITH PATHET LAO.

2. RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT WITHHOLD RELEASE OF CHRONOLOGY TO PRESS UNTIL CURRENT ACTIONS COMPLETED. DEPARTMENT MAY WANT TO USE DOCUMENT FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH CONGRESSMEN AND OTHER PARTIES INTERESTED IN DEAN/SHARMAN CASE.

3. DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS COPY OF CHRONOLOGY TO MRS. STEWART ALSOP. PLEASE ALSO ADVISE MRS. DEAN THAT CHIEF, ORTHOPEDIC CENTER, VIENTIANE IS LT. COL. SEUTH SAYPHARATH AND THAT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE MAILED MARCH 10.

4. WE ALSO ARE (A) DRAFTING ANOTHER LETTER FROM THE AMBASSADOR TO FONMIN PHOUMI USING INFORMATION PROVIDED BY A SIXTEENTH SOURCE; THIS LETTER WILL PROBABLY BE SENT SOMETIME NEXT WEEK; AND (B) PREPARING A LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER BRINGING HIM HP TO DATE ON WHAT HAS GONE ON SINCE THE AMBASSADOR'S MOST RECENT CONVERSATION WITH HIM. THIS LETTER WILL REFER TO THE LATEST EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH PHOUMI, THE SANAN LETTER, A REPORT OF THE AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH PRINCE SOUPHANOUVONG AND THE ACTING SECRETARY'S SESSION WITH THE LAO AMBASSADOR. RADIO HANOI, IN A MARCH 8 BROADCAST, REPORTED THAT SOUPHANOUVONG PASSED THROUGH THAT CITY ON MARCH 7, EN ROUTE TO VIENG SAY. THIS MAY BE THE TRIP TO SAM NEUA HE PROMISED TO MRS. DEAN AND THE AMBASSADOR.

5. WE LEARNED ON MARCH 7 THAT THE AUSTRALIANS HAVE CANCELLED THEIR FLIGHTS IN SUPPORT OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT AND HAVE RECALLED THEIR AIRCRAFT. WE DO NOT KNOW THE REASON FOR THIS BUT HOPE IT MAY BE RELATED TO THE DEAN/SHARMAN CASE.
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